

Meeting Date: January 15-17, 2008

Agenda Item No. 6c

Agenda Item: Budget Modification, Eagle Hatchery

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

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Background:

Eagle Fish Hatchery raises endangered Sockeye Salmon and has been involved in hatchery modifications to increase the production capability necessary for the preservation and potential de-listing of this species. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council approved the funding necessary for this project and Bonneville Power Administration has provided the funding to meet the expectations of the Biological Opinion. Eagle Fish Hatchery has undergone several facility modifications and this is the last phase of our proposed expansion.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

The Bureau of Fisheries prepared the necessary fiscal documents and presented them to Division of Financial Management (DFM) for approval prior to implementing a request for increasing our spending authority. As the Commission approves the Department's budget and all major increases, this request falls within that context.

Public Involvement Process:

None required

Staff Recommendation:

Approve increasing federal spending authority by \$3,000,000 for the construction project at Eagle Fish Hatchery.

Justification:

The justification for this request is to complete the on-going Eagle Fish Hatchery renovation to increase production of Sockeye Salmon. This increase in Federal spending authority will allow us to complete our contractual obligation with Bonneville Power Administration and abide by the commitment of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council to restore salmon to Idaho.

